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BY ECF AND EMAIL

Honorable P. Kevin Castel
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street, Room 1020
New York, New York 10007

**Re: United States v. Valdez Simmons
20 Cr. 294 (PKC)**

Dear Judge Castel:

This letter is respectfully submitted on behalf of my client, Valdez Simmons, to request an adjournment of his sentencing hearing currently scheduled for June 2, 2021. I have spoken with Josiah Pertz, Esq. on behalf of the Government, and he consents to this application. I am requesting an adjournment of approximately 60 days, subject to the Court's calendar. Prior to the sentencing I am attempting to obtain a psychiatric evaluation of Mr. Simmons, which should be helpful to the Court, and we have had numerous logistical problems in completing his interview with my psychiatrist.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/
Robert M. Baum
Assistant Federal Defender

SO ORDERED:

HONORABLE P. KEVIN CASTEL
United States District Judge

cc: Josiah Pertz, Esq.,
Assistant United States Attorney